

## May reassigned as executive director at ASC

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Executive Director Robert J. May Jr. was recently reassigned as the Executive Director of the Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, after serving as Executive Director of the Air Force Research Laboratory since May 2000.

May will serve as the senior civilian responsible to the commander of the Air Force's center of excellence for development and acquisition of aeronautical systems. ASC's commander is Lt. Gen. Dick Reynolds.

Looking back on his years at AFRL, May recalled the talented team he worked with, "I'll miss the bright and innovative people who make up AFRL, and the world class capabilities they bring to the transformation of warfighting capability," he said.

The contributions to Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, in the aftermath of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, are the examples that May cited as AFRL's technology shining when needed most.

"We clearly lived up to General Hap Arnold's belief that the first essential of airpower is preeminence in research," he said.

"Being Executive Director of such a large, geographically dispersed, technology oriented organization, prepared me well for this position," May said. "I look forward to the challenges of transforming ASC's processes to speed up the transition of our products to the warfighter."

Prior to his AFRL assignment, May worked as the Product Group Manager for Propulsion Systems at Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Due to its realignment and closure, he relocated to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in 2000.

The year of his arrival, May received the prestigious Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award. Only five percent of the members for the Senior Executive Service are awarded this honor for their superior achievements.

In 1968, May received his bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.

In addition, he holds three advanced degrees. In 1974, May accepted his master's degree in engineering from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., and earned his second in business management, Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif. in 1986. Between his science degrees, he completed his master's degree in business management from Central Michigan University in 1978. @